

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

July 12, 2007

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Approved

In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Elna Darrow, George Darrow, Chuck Gough, Mike Richeson, Gary Ridderhoff, Steve Zabaro, Paul Rana, Bruce Solberg, Paul Guerrant, Shelley Gonzales, Nancy Idler, Darrel Coverdell, Edd Blackler, Leslie Budewitz, Denise Lang, Sally Janover, Clarice Ryan, BJ Grieve, Joe Brenneman

The Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Elna Darrow at 12:03

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as amended (m/sc Gough/ Solberg)

Minutes: The minutes for June 28, 2007 were approved as amended (m/s Guerrant /Darrow, G)

Treasurer's Report: We had expenditures of 66.00 and we are waiting for donation from CFBB to be transferred. (m/sc Zabaro/Guerrant.)

Community Members: Everyone in the community is busy with summer and those that were present were waiting to hear the results of the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan. Shelley Spoke for The BLUAC. She mentioned that letters had gone out to different sites about the legality of their signs and most of the people were accepting their letter and trying to fix them. She also mentioned there is a problem with The Branding Iron project that is being looked at.

Resort Tax Committee: Bruce stated he has not had much response to the letter on the Resort Tax he wrote in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter. He figures that everyone is busy with the summer season so he will wait for little while and try later.

Lake County: Leslie reported on the 2 meetings she and Paul had on zoning. Good numbers of people attending and the first meeting was positive, the second not as positive as since Woods Bay already has a plan. There will be two more meetings, July 18, 2007 at Bethany Lutheran Church, and July 19, 2007 at Swan River Hall, both starting at 7:00 PM. She will also be meeting with the Swan Lakers.

Vision Committee: Edd reported his group watched the DVD "Path To Eden" narrated by Tom Brokaw. He talked about living in Montana how we need to protect it and keep it the jewel state it is. This DVD is free, (they would like a 10.00 Donation). (Personal Opinion: I highly recommend this DVD to everyone living and thinking about moving to Montana). You can send for it at www.Rurallandscapesinstitute.org, and www.pathtoeden.org or call 406-522-7654. They talked a bout revising the "Scenic Bay designation Highway 35, affordable housing, get the Glacier Institute to help with lining up lecturers for symposiums, maybe even establishing an Ecological Research Center to help sustain the community. (See full report in notebook). Next meeting is on July 23, 2007, 12:00 at the Methodist Church.

Chairman's Report: Elna then turned the meeting over to BJ Grieve of Flathead County Planning Dept. BJ did not give specifics but did say that our neighborhood plan was great. We have good policies, not so good policies. Policies that need to be re-worked and some removed. He also explained that as a planner there were some good reasons why some have to be changed. Also we need utility maps and a new future zoning map. It was decided that he would get copies of his notes out to the BSC

Executive Committee and BLUAC so we could see what the specifics are. We will then have a joint workshop with him on August 23, 2007 at Bethany Lutheran Church at 12:00 PM to start working on the changes. The question of Zoning overlays which we had planned to do was then turned over to Joe Brenneman.

Joe said he talked to the other two Commissioners and they will not support zoning overlays and he will not either. They take too much administrative time. If we want more say in our zoning we should think about incorporating. The good news is: Joe has found funds to start fixing our storm water problem here in Bigfork.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:48

Pat Wagner, Secretary